

fourth Judicial district, with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering an amendment; was read; amendment adopted, and bill passed to a 3d reading.

On motion of Mr. Van Derlip, the rule was suspended; bill read 3d time and passed.

A bill to amend the 1st 2d and 3d sections of the act concerning divorce and alimony, together with the report of the Judiciary committee, offering a substitute therefor; was read and substitute adopted.

On motion of Mr. Van Derlip, the bill was made the special order of the day for Friday the 18th inst.

A bill to provide for the liquidation of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas; with the report of the Select committee, offering an amendment; was read and amendment adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the bill was made the special order of the day, for to-morrow.

Resolution of the House relative to an adjournment, *sine die*, on the 1st of Feb. next; read and,

On motion of Mr. Gage, laid on the table.

Resolution of the Senate relative to the order in which business shall be disposed of in the Senate; was read, and rejected.

A bill to amend the 6th section of an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment:

Insert "millers and ferrymen."

On motion of Mr. Gage, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock A. M., January 17, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President—Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Davis, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRea, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of the citizens of Montgomery county, asking to have the boundaries of said county surveyed. On motion of Mr. Grimes, referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Benjamin W. Bedford;

read, and on motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Portis presented the petition of Robert J. Rivers, attorney of John L. Dabney. On motion of Mr. Portis, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill supplementary to an act to exempt buildings and grounds designed and used for purposes of education or public worship from taxation; and joint resolution authorizing R. S. Neighbors, commissioner appointed to organize the Counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fé, to draw his salary in advance: reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended their passage.

Mr. Grimes from the same committee, to which was referred a bill making an appropriation to pay for the printing the laws and constitution in the German language, reported, that on investigation, there is yet due and unpaid the sum of \$106 88 for printing the laws and constitution in the German language, which sum your committee recommend should be appropriated and paid. The bill can be amended by striking out "two" before "hundred," and inserting "one" in the 1st and 2nd sections of the bill.

Mr. Latimer, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to authorize and require the district surveyors of this State to appoint Deputies to attend to the duties of their offices during their absence therefrom, are of opinion that it would be impossible for the district surveyors to comply with the requirements of the law, if it should be passed; they therefore report the bill back to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a joint resolution for the relief of James S. Patterson, and a bill for the relief of David Lane, and the heirs of Henry Lane, deceased; reported the same back to the Senate without amendment, and recommended their passage.

Mr. Robertson from the same committee, to which was referred the memorial of J. C. Clements, reported the following bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

A bill for the relief of the purchasers of lots in the city of Austin, under certain circumstances; read first time.

Mr. Robertson from the same committee, to which was refer-

red the petition of L. S. Sargent, reported the following bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

A bill for the relief of Levin S. Sargent; read first time.

Mr. Pease introduced a bill concerning patents for land; read first time.

Mr. Moffett made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following, and find them correctly engrossed, to wit:

A bill to exempt the vendors of certain articles manufactured in this State from the payment of any direct tax, or license tax for the sale thereof.

A bill to authorize the withdrawal from the General Land Office of deeds issued on paper of the second seal,

And a bill donating to John Neill and James O. Rice, one league of land each, for being permanently disabled in the service of the Republic of Texas, and one league of land to the legal heirs of Hays Covington, who was killed in the service of the same.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill declaring Bear Creek in Sabine County, a navigable stream, which originated in the Senate; also, a joint resolution requiring all the taxes coming to the State from the people of Jasper County for the year 1850, to be appropriated to the building of a Court House and Jail for said County; also, that the House had concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill relative to extending the jurisdiction of the State of Texas over the south half of a certain portion of Red River; also,

That the House had adopted a substitute for a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certificates issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson County, under certain restrictions; also, that the House had adopted the report of the committee of conference on a bill to regulate Ferries.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to provide for removing the Supreme Court of Texas to the town of Henderson, in Rusk county; read first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Portis, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table one day, was suspended; and joint resolution authorizing R. S. Neighbors, the Commissioner appointed to organize the Counties of Persidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fé, to draw his

salary in advance, with the report of the committee on Finance, was taken up, and resolution passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Portis, the rule was farther suspended; resolution read third time and passed.

Mr. Gage moved to reconsider the vote which passed the above joint resolution. Mr. Parker moved to lay the motion on the table until to-morrow—lost.

The question then recurred on Mr. Gage's motion to reconsider the vote. On motion of Mr. Pease, a call of the Senate was had. The Senate being full, the yeas and nays were called on the reconsideration, and were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Taylor, Truit, Ward, Walker and Wallace—13.

Nays: Messrs. Burleson, Davis, Kinney, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson and Van Derlip—9. Vote reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the bill was laid on the table, by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Cook, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Taylor, Truit, Ward, Walker and Wallace—13.

Nays: Messrs. Burleson, Davis, Kinney, Moffett, Pease, Portis, Robertson, and Van Derlip—8.

A bill to provide for the liquidation of the Public Debt of the late Republic of Texas; read, and on motion of Mr. Wallace, made the special order of the day for Monday the 21st inst., and 100 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to provide for distributing the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of this State; reported the same back to the Senate without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Burleson introduced a bill to amend an act to allow set off's in certain cases; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, the rule was suspended; bill read second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Substitute of the House for a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certificates issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county, under certain restrictions; read first time.

The following bills and joint resolutions from the House were severally read a first time, viz:

A bill for the relief of A. Balleuill.

A bill for the relief of Uzziel Baggett.

A bill for the relief of E. H. Grisham.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of William Arnold, deceased.

A bill supplementary to an act to organize the county of Upshur, approved January 26, 1848.

A bill legalizing and confirming the marriage of William Pier-son and Elizabeth Ogle.

A bill for the relief of George Washington Sheek.

A bill for the relief of John R. Baker.

A bill for the relief of Martha McBride and Margaret Garnett.

A bill to locate permanently the seat of justice of Cooke county.

A bill to extend the jurisdiction of the county of Medina for certain purposes.

Joint resolution for the relief of Samuel C. Douglass.

Joint resolution for the relief of Berry W. Perkins.

A bill for the relief B. C. Johnson, assignee of John F. Stacy.

A bill for the relief of Amos Morrell.

A bill for the relief of Richard B. Jarman.

A bill for the relief of the heirs at law of Joseph Thompson, deceased.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the city of Nacogdoches; approved March 16, 1848.

A bill more particularly defining the boundaries of Henderson county.

A bill to prescribe the mode of returning process in certain cases.

A bill to legalize certain headright certificates issued by the County Court of Refugio county.

A bill for the relief of Thomas Garner, assignee of Hiram H. Millions.

A bill to authorize John J. Grumbles and Lyman Tarbox, to establish a Ferry on the Colorado river.

A bill to remove the land office of the Milam land district from Burleson county, to Cameron in Milam county.

A bill to remove from the possession of the County Clerk of Webb county, all books, papers, documents and other property belonging, or in any way appertaining to the city of Laredo, to the City Council.

A bill authorizing the Galveston City Company to change the plan of a certain block of lots in the city of Galveston, and authorizing the city and county authorities to use one of the public squares of said city and county buildings.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following joint resolutions, viz :

Joint resolution for the relief of Araminta D. Allen, heir at law of Preston P. Allen, lately a soldier in the army of Texas; and

Joint resolution for the relief of Joseph Branham, which were severally read a first time.

Mr. Robertson made the following report :

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred the message of his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor on the subject of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas, have instructed me to report that the documents referred to them contain a considerable amount of important information, and in the opinion of the committee, such information as should be placed before the people of Texas; they have, therefore, instructed me to recommend that the Senate have printed 1500 copies of the message and report.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table one day, was suspended, and report taken up.

Mr. Gage moved to lay the report on the table, upon which the yeas and nays were called, and stood as follows :

Yeas : Messrs. Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Hart and Wallace—6.

Nays : Messrs. Davis, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Walker—12.
Lost.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the report was amended by striking out "1500" and inserting "1000." The report was then adopted.

Mr. Portis, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Mount Vernon Male and Female Academies; reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to assignees of Administrators; read first time.

Mr. Grimes introduced a bill for the relief of Nancy Anderson; read first time.

A bill to authorize the withdrawal from the General Land Office of deeds issued on paper of the second seal; read third time, and on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, laid on the table until Monday the 21st inst.

A bill to exempt the vendors of certain articles manufactured in this State, from the payment of any direct tax or license tax for the sale thereof; read, and on motion of Mr. Grimes, laid on the table.

Joint resolution for the removal of certain Spanish documents

from Nacogdoches county to the State Department; read third time, and on motion of Mr. Latimer, laid on the table.

A bill to revive and amend an act to locate permanently the Seat of Justice for the County of De Witt; approved March 9, 1848; read third time, and on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, laid on the table.

The following bills were severally read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill for the relief of Thos. Wm. Ward.

A bill supplementary to an act to locate permanently the Seat of Justice of Cass county; approved December 27, 1849.

A bill for the relief of Lemuel M. Rodearmel.

A bill for the relief of Samuel G. Newton & Co., and Tilly & Hewitt.

A bill donating to John Neill and James O. Rice, one league of land each, for being permanently disabled in the service of the Republic of Texas, and one league of land to the legal heirs of Hays Covington, who was killed in the service of the same.

A bill to incorporate the city of Brownsville; read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Grimes, Kinney, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Walker—17.

Nays: Messrs Gage and Wallace—2.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the bill to create the county of McClellan was taken up; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the rule was suspended; bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Burleson, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, Moffett, Parker, Robertson, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—14.

Nays: Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Pease and Taylor—4.

Mr. Hart offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that from the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. to 12 each day, the Senate will set as a Board of Land Commissioners, during which time no business shall be taken up, but bills granting land certificates, unless all such bills before the Senate shall be disposed of for the day.

Resolved, further, that each applicant for such a bill, shall be required to pay into the State Treasury the sum of two dollars, in case his bill shall pass.

Joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller to issue duplicates of certain certificates; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Brashear, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill for the relief of Gen. Memucan Hunt; read 2nd time, and on motion of Mr. Latimer, referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to incorporate the town of Tyler in Smith county; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

A bill to perfect the land titles in Castro's Colony; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of Robert Earl, deceased; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on Private Claims.

Joint resolution making an appropriation for the purchase of books for the use of the Supreme Court; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Grimes, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller of the State of Texas to exchange some of the public property in the city of Austin for a certain lot and buildings adjoining the General Land Office; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Joint resolution for the relief of John Hobson; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Joint resolution making provisions for surveying a certain quantity of University lands; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Portis, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

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Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Joint resolution for the relief of Cain T. Brush, together with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims offering a substitute therefor, was read, substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Mary R. Harris; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for land on surveys made in Peters Colony, together with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims, was read, and on motion of Mr. Hart, laid on the table.

A bill to authorize Baily English, Thomas Cowart, and their associates, to construct a turupike road from the town of Bonham in the county of Fannin, across the Bois d'Arc bottom, to

the high land in the direction of the town of Paris, Lamar county; read and passed to a third reading.

A bill to create the County of Bell; read and passed to a third reading.

A bill to establish and incorporate a Literary Institution, under the supervision and control of the Eastern Texas Annual Conference, located at or near the town of Henderson, Rusk county, in this State; read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—21. Nays—none.

Mr. Kinney introduced a joint resolution for the relief of Wm. M. Williams; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Kinney, the rule was suspended; resolution read second time, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The report of the select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Willis Stewart, was read and adopted.

Resolution of the Senate relative to adjournment on 28th inst., *sine die*, was read; and on motion of Mr. Parker, laid on the table.

Mr. Burleson presented the petition of Daniel M. Morris; read, and on motion of Mr. Burleson, referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., January 18th, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President—Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Portis, Taylor, Truit, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled bills; reported the following bills correctly enrolled:

An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the Western Texian Orphan Asylum, approved March 16th, 1848.

An act supplementary to an act regulating appeals to the Su-